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Mavs bow out 1-0 in soggy semi-finals

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Senior staff writer

UNO's pursuit of a second consecutive NCAA Division II championship appearance fell short in a rain-swept Virginia Beach, Va., Thursday.

Second-ranked Kennesaw State University took advantage of some good fortune to beat the Mavs 1-0 and put an end to UNO's second run through the NCAA tournament. The Mavs' woes on the night were increased as both Haley Fries and Anne Willrett were forced from the match due to injury.

Maverick Head Coach Don Klosterman said his side had chances to get on the scoreboard.

"I thought in the first half we played well," Klosterman said. "We had some opportunities. It was a game where if you don't take advantage of those chances you're going to pay. After the injury, though, I think the damage had already been done. It wasn't that big a factor in the end."

KSU's Mari Rubert had the match's first chance in the eighth minute, but UNO keeper Amy Price was quick off her line and snuffed out the opportunity. The Mavs responded in the 17th minute as a Fries shot was parried off the crossbar by Owl netminder Jessica Marek.

Ashley Grace had UNO's best chance of the night in the 37th minute. Megan Herzberg crossed the ball in from out



photo by Chris Machian

Rain mixed with tears for Mav Meghan Pile (left) as she comforts no. 18 Jaime Venhaus after UNO's loss to Kennesaw State 1-0.

as she got behind the Mav defense, but her chip over a stranded Price sailed over the crossbar.

KSU's breakthrough came with a half-hour to go in the match. Jessica Fream had a shot from the edge of the box blocked down, but the deflection fell straight to the feet of Alissa Saylor. Saylor made no mistake, settling the ball and rolling her shot inside the far post.

Another turning point in the match came in the 67th minute. Fries beat Owl defender Patrice Rose to a loose ball, but Rose's tackle came over the ball and caught Fries square in the leg. Fries laid screaming in agony for 15 minutes before being carried off on a stretcher to a local hospital. In addition,

wide and Grace found herself with the ball at her feet five yards from goal, but her shot was straight at Marek and the keeper managed to push the shot off the bar and clear.

Klosterman refused to accept the Owls' size advantage and the rainy conditions as contributing factors to his team's defeat. "Kennesaw is a good team and they used their strength to their advantage," Klosterman said. "I don't think the field conditions were all that bad and there wasn't an advantage for either side. You just have to play through that stuff."

Steph Grzeskowiak should have put KSU ahead in the 42nd minute



photo by Chris Machian

Mav Haley Fries goes for a header with Kennesaw State's Linsey Cornelius at Virginia Beach Sports Plex Thursday night.

Willrett had to be helped off the field in the final minutes after reinjuring her right knee, the same knee she injured during the 2002 NCAA tournament.

UNO finished the season at 17-4-2 with the loss while KSU (24-1) picked up their eighth straight shutout and advanced to the final. The Owls will play Franklin Pierce

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Students get a lesson in disability awareness

MARION RHODES

News editor

When Lew Shaver's car broke down on the highway, it wasn't roadside assistance that helped him. It was one of his basketball players who pulled himself from the car window, across the roof, down the windshield and over the hood to take a look at the engine with Shaver.

Why didn't the player just use the door and walk up to the front of the car, because he was paralyzed from the waist down.

This story and many others are part of Shaver's book "Damn Bunch of Cripples: My Politically Incorrect Education in Disability Awareness," which he presented Dec. 4 to an audience of about 15 people at UNO.

The book tells stories of wheelchair athletes, whom Shaver coached at Southwest Minnesota State University for more than 30 years.

"This represents 30 to 40 years of an

experience," Shaver said of his book. During that experience, Shaver went from having no idea about disability awareness to gaining a different form of awareness: that the perception of "who is handicapped" is very subjective.

"In our society, we label, we categorize people," Shaver said. "What we need to do is to be legitimate, but without reinforcing dependency."

One of the key lessons Shaver learned during his coaching career was people need to determine what others can do and then treat them accordingly, without demeaning them for the things they cannot do, he said. The key to this, he said, is to do a functional evaluation of a person before judging the person according to stereotypes.

"When you are a minority, are you going to have other people tell you what it's like?" Shaver asked.

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Ways to winterize your vehicle and prepare for cold weather

MARION RHODES

News editor

Winter is here, and finals week is just around the corner. The last thing you want is to get into a car accident on the day of your final exam.

With high temperatures expected to be in the upper-20s for the rest of the week and more snow to come, Omaha will soon become a winter wonderland, said Van Dewald, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Valley, Neb. Dewald expects the cold weather to stick around for a while.

To avoid ending up in a ditch instead of the classroom, Rose White, spokeswoman for AAA Nebraska, said the most important thing is to make sure you have good all-weather or winter tires on your car.

If you still feel that your vehicle is fishtailing every time you apply the brakes, put something heavy in the trunk over your rear wheels.

"Some times, a 10-pound bag of sand over each tire can help some," White said.

Another piece of advice White has for braking without skidding is to allow your

vehicle to coast in neutral for a while before applying the brakes. If the antilock brake system kicks in, don't be alarmed by the noise or pulsation you might feel and keep your feet on the brakes, she said.

To avoid having to brake hard, White said people should drive slowly and keep space between their car and other vehicles. On slick roads, it can take two to three times the usual distance to bring your car to a stop, she said.

If you do end up getting too close to a vehicle to safely stop, steer around it, White said. In many cases, this is safer than applying the brakes, she said.

A good way to learn how to handle your vehicle on winter roads or to test how your car behaves on ice is to practice in an empty parking lot, she said.

But no matter if you skid around in a parking lot or drive on the interstate, wearing a seatbelt is a must if you want to survive a winter crash, White said.

"The best defense in these types of accidents is to ensure that you are buckled up."

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MARION RHODES
News editor

Concerts featuring holiday music from around the world Saturday at UNO

The UNO Concert Choir, along with the University Choir and Bel Canto from the Nebraska Choral Arts Society, will present two concerts "A Yule Full of Gladness: Holiday Music from Around the World" Saturday. Faculty, staff and students are admitted free with a valid UNO ID. The concerts will begin at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Strauss Performing Arts Center. Tickets for the public are \$5

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The problem with today's society, Shaver said, is that every minority group gets a label attached - a label that constantly changes to fit the current perception of political correctness.

Mike Kult, assistant director of Campus Recreation at UNO and a former member of Shaver's Minnesota wheelchair basketball team, said, "When you label somebody, you pigeonhole somebody." He said people need to realize that every person has something different from everybody else.

"They're trying too hard to just

and will be available at the door.

SRLS collects equipment for Boys and Girls Clubs

UNO's Student Recreation and Leisure Society is currently collecting equipment or monetary donations to help the Boys and Girls Clubs of Omaha in providing recreational activities. Football, kickboxing, volleyball and cheerleading squad equipment is needed as well as basketballs and kickballs. Donations can be submitted until Dec. 21 to Campus Recreation at the UNO School of Health, Physical Education and

describe you instead of seeing you as an individual," Kult said.

Whether he's being labeled as a cripple, disabled or handicapped doesn't matter much to him, Kult said. Most people in the wheelchair community just ignore the label altogether, he said.

Shaver said learning to see the person behind the wheelchair is a process that takes time. "I was about two thirds through with the manuscripts [for this book] before I realized that I was writing about people, not disabilities."

Recreation, Room 100.

Parents Day Out scheduled for Dec. 13

Mav Kids and Campus Recreation will host the annual December Parents Day Out from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 13 in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building. Activities will include swimming, a pizza party and holiday crafts. Admission, which includes lunch, is \$17 for UNO students and Campus Recreation activity cardholders and \$20 for non-cardholders. Participants must register with Campus Recreation, HPER Room 100.



Lew Shaver autographs books after his presentation "Damn bunch of cripples" Thursday afternoon.

Grad student gets national recognition for case

MARION RHODES
News editor

A UNO graduate student recently received the Outstanding Student-Authored Case Award for a research case on cross-border prescription drug sales.

Sara Smith Shull's case, "GlaxoSmith Kline's Retaliation Against Cross-Border Sales of Prescription Drugs," focused on the company's decision earlier this year to

limit shipment of prescription drugs to pharmacies in Canada and explored the impact this decision had on the firm's public image.

"Effective businesses develop and maintain strong relationships with their customers. Our case explores a situation where this relationship may have been compromised," Shull said in a press release.

She said her work involved gathering data from financial, business,

and medical literature. "We assimilated it to draw conclusions and help students understand the fundamental importance of relationships in business." The case was the capstone project for a policy, planning and strategy class last spring. Shull, who has since graduated with her master's of business administration degree, shared her award with her supervising professor, Rebecca Morris.

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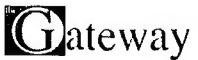
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Holiday events around town

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Features editor

Looking for something fun to do this holiday season? Try one of these area events on for size:

Sounds of the Season

When: 7-9 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 27
Where: Gene Leahy Mall, 10th to 14th Streets and Farnam to Douglas Streets

This free holiday event will spotlight a variety of musical presentations, from children's choirs to bands to professional musicians. Hear wintry music while taking in the sights of the Leahy Mall's holiday lights display.

ConAgra Foods Ice Sculpture Display

When: 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Dec. 24-27
Where: ConAgra Foods Campus, 10th and Farnam Streets

For the third year, ConAgra will sponsor a gigantic display of ice sculptures. Carving on the 16-ton, 100-block installation begins Dec. 24, and the finished product will be unveiled Sunday, Dec. 28 at the Family Festival. Stop by the ConAgra Foods Campus to watch the making of an ice masterpiece.

Family Festival

When: 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28
Where: ConAgra Foods Campus, 10th and Farnam Streets, and additional areas downtown

Spend an afternoon downtown with the family at the free event. Professional ice carvers will be on-site to give demonstrations, and the ConAgra Ice Sculpture will be unveiled. Other locations downtown — the Joslyn Museum, The Rose Theater, the Omaha Children's Museum, the Blue Barn Theatre, and the W. Dale Clark Library, among others — will also provide hands-on activities and free admission during the festival.

ConAgra Foods Fireworks

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31
Where: ConAgra Foods Campus, 10th and Farnam Streets

The annual display will feature professionally choreographed fireworks on New Year's Eve. Bring a radio to the free event and set it to 101.9 FM for fireworks music.

For more information on any of these events, contact Mindy Bush at 345-5401 or log on to www.holidaylightsfestival.org.

UNO community celebrates Kwanzaa

RAE LICARI

Features editor

On Thursday, Dec. 4, a group of about 50 students and faculty gathered in the ballroom of the Milo Bail Student Center to celebrate the African-American holiday known as Kwanzaa.

The celebration, which began at noon, included a luncheon, keynote speaker, music and a candle lighting ceremony.

Senior criminal justice major Toia Phillips participated in the celebration as the emcee for the candle lighting ceremony and by giving a speech, explaining the symbols of the holiday. She said she was asked to participate about two days before the event.

Phillips said she was picked to fill in because she is a member of the National Council of Negro Women, which, together with UNO's African American Organization, had a large part in hosting the eighth annual celebration.

Kwanzaa, taken from the Swahili phrase

"matunda ya Kwanzaa," meaning "first fruits," is a seven-day celebration that focuses on seven social and spiritual principles, collectively called Nguzo Saba: Umoja (unity); Kujichagulia (self-determination); Ujima (collective work and responsibility); Ujamaa (cooperative economics); Nia (purpose); Kuumba (creativity); and Imani (faith).

"Kwanzaa is a celebration of unity, peace and togetherness in the black community," Phillips said.

Phillips also said the principles would be present in life all year long, not just during the seven days of the holiday. "[Kwanzaa is] a holiday, but a lot of people make it a way of life," she said. "That's what it's supposed to be."

The holiday was founded in 1966 by Maulana Ron Karenga, Ph.D., professor and chair of the black studies department at California State University-Long Beach.

Phillips said the colors of Kwanzaa — red,

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BOOKS FOR SALE



Mary Pape, left, and Ilene Rhoads browse through dozens of hand made books on display in the Weber Fine Arts building Thursday night. Many of the books, made by UNO students, were up for sale.

This Is Not A Test: Missy Elliott

REVIEW BY LEIA BAEZ
Entertainment editor

Missy Elliott may be shedding the pounds, but she certainly is packing on some stylish lyrics.

This Is Not A Test is a mix of old school and unforgettable beats with a slight techno feel.

Missy's new image is giving her a more positive perspective on life, making her lyrics and rhymes more fun and comical.

The album opens with the intro, "Baby Girl," which features Mary J. Blige. Although the start of the CD is slow and the lyrics are personal, Missy quickly gets into "Pass That Dutch," which is a club favorite.

Missy's love for hip-hop is obvious in the third track "Wake Up," which includes rhymes from Jay-Z. The song is definitely one that would be played in a breakdancing hall, with its old school beat and techno sounds.

"Keep It Moving," featuring the now requisite Elephant Man cameo, has a lazy beat and isn't a song I would put on repeat. The entire CD has more of a sexual feel than Elliott's past albums. Missy must just have the confidence now to express her freakier self.



Beenie Man appears on "Don't Be Cruel," which flips from an old school electro sound to a club track, using Salt 'N' Pepa's "Push It."

In "Toyz" Missy explains how a man is not necessary in her life as long as she has her sex toys. It's a funny track with lyrics that every female would enjoy or at least think is comical.

"Spelling Bee" is simply ill and one of my favorite tracks on the CD. But aside from that, there are a lot of average songs that won't even make radio play. "Pump It Up" seems like a mock of "Work It," with Nelly spitting lyrics about his private piece. But any track featuring Nelly is sure to be a hit and if not that, than definitely a song you won't get out of your head.

And the rest of

the songs seem to be just stuck somewhere in the late 80s when hip-hop was first big.

But with a producer like Timbaland, Missy can change a horrible song into the most unforgettable track. A lot of this album seems like remakes of old school songs with a Timbaland and Missy twist. But don't get me wrong, Missy rhymes about what's real and her lyrics get more and more clever with every album. It's worth adding to your music collection, especially if you can break it down to some sweet beats.

Classic movies make up for Hollywood flops

REVIEW BY MIKE MACHIAN
Staff writer

By many accounts, most, if not all of the movies of recent months have been weak at best. All we have seen from Hollywood lately have been sub-standard sequels or movies that should never have been made.

A good example is *Haunted Mansion*, a movie with Eddie Murphy based on a ride at Disneyland. I remember when having Eddie Murphy in a movie meant that it might be good.

Another mistake is "The Cat in the Hat" which is based on the brilliant but short Dr. Seuss story. Trying to stretch that into feature length left us with something that only people with severe meth addictions or children under five would enjoy. But you have to wonder about bringing kids that age to a movie that's rated PG.

Now while I could write a whole column about the lack of good movies lately (and believe me I would, if I thought they would print it), it is more helpful to offer a couple of alternatives.

One alternative is to relive the classics. But this doesn't mean just going out and renting them.

At the Joslyn for instance, you can see the photo exhibit titled "Magnum Cinema, Photographs from 50 Years of Movie-Making." Magnum itself is a world-renowned group of photographers. As the title suggests, this exhibit is devoted to Magnum's photographs of actors on and off the set. There are over 100 photos and they include notables such as Marilyn Monroe, Alfred Hitchcock, Orson Welles and James Dean. Some of the movies featured in the Exhibit are "The Misfits"



with Marilyn Monroe, "On the Waterfront" with Marlon Brando, and "Moby Dick" with Gregory Peck. Since this exhibit is special, it will only be in Omaha until Jan. 4. So that gives you plenty of time to see it during semester break.


Also, if selling back your books doesn't give you the \$4 for admission, then get up a little earlier on Saturday because admission is free from 10 a.m. until noon. For more detailed information, get on the Internet and go to www.joslyn.org.

Another way to relive the classics is by going to the Dundee Theatre at 50th and Dodge to catch one of its infamous midnight movie showings on the weekends.

The films range from classics like Kubrick's *2001*, to cult films like *Army of Darkness*. Just like a showing of the *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, audience participation is pretty common. Some of the upcoming midnight movies are *High Fidelity*, *The Royal Tenenbaums*, and *Alfred Hitchcock's Notorious*.


Finally, if you are sick of Hollywood movies, another alternative is to see an independent film. Again the Dundee Theatre fills this need too. For instance, right now it is showing "The Singing

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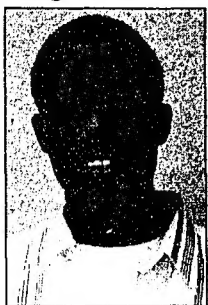
On wealth and poverty

Holidays are few and far between. The number of days of unsolicited respite one may hope to enjoy in a year can be counted on the fingers of both hands.

Gone, of course are the days when the Sabbath was the Sabbath and The Lord's Day belonged to The Lord. The complexities of life in today's fast paced, high-octane societies are too real and too practical to be saddled with irritants of that sort. We can no longer speak of the "Rat Race" in metaphorical terms, seeing that it is all around us, insistent and all consuming. We work more to earn more, spend more to owe more and then increase the amount of our labor to offset the debts we have accrued. Learned persons have called this a vicious cycle of debt and poverty – vicious it is, but a cycle it is not.

What propels debt and poverty? And how do these concepts affect our lives? Why do the rich get richer and the poor get poorer? I could propose a number of answers to the first question – avarice, bad luck, unfortunate circumstances of birth, mismanagement, heaven, hell and most of the things in between. The second question does not have very easy answers – the personal debt of the American public is in excess of \$1 trillion dollars, much less than what is owed by states and governments in other

Coming to America



Fisayo Adejuyigbe

observations.

First, a little story. Many years ago, when I was still a wee lad, a teacher of mine told a class of other wee lads and lasses like myself about two missionaries who had gone to preach the gospel in some far off land. They were equipped with the barest necessities: sandals, bags, purses to carry their gold in, the Bible and other texts instructing them in means and methods of casting out the foul trappings of savagery from the minds of the natives.

Along the way, they got lost and they consumed their victuals at greatly differing rates. At the point of starvation, the first missionary was left with a tiny amount of provisions while the second was left with a much larger amount. The first said to the second – "Brother, share with me of your bounty" – upon which the second approached the first, seized his tinier portion and devoured it with the

parts of the globe. But for some reason, from what we are told, we may infer that debt doesn't produce poverty in one case whereas it is a definite harbinger in the other. It is the third question however, that I have devoted this piece to and I will make a few

larger ration. The first, aghast, inquired from his fellow traveler – "Why have you done such?" Upon which the second replied, quoting from the book of Matthew, "Jesus said, to him who has shall more be given, and to him that hath not, even that which he has will be taken away."

No doubt the crafty fellow misapplied the words of Jesus but the lesson here is real – we do not have to wonder if the poor get poorer and the rich get richer; we know they do and we see it all the time around us. An obvious reason for this comes to mind – wealth generates wealth, like some say, "You've got to spend money to make money." Persons with greater wealth have access to a better education, better health facilities and more wealth creating opportunities. Another interesting observation is that the poor are often in the employ of the wealthy – thus the channels of wealth distribution are also firmly in the hands of the wealthy. We may also note that wealth is often generational in its nature. Thus, a wealthy patriarch who passes away leaves behind wealthy descendants and wealthy families. We may thus speak sincerely of disenfranchised populations – populations who by reasons of past events lack this generational advantage. We can also observe that historically the poor have often felt themselves to be oppressed by the rich whilst the rich have

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Letter to the editor

On Dec. 2, I was reading *The Gateway* in the Arts and Science Hall. After I enjoyed an article written perfectly by Josh Bashara, I was interested in the news titled "Campus Crime."

In four lines, four crimes were reported. The reporter only reported what happened on campus during month of November. So, on Nov. 6, as the reporter mentioned, a student reported theft of personal property from University Village. On Nov. 11, a student reported theft of personal property from Lot 1. On Nov. 18, a student reported theft of property from a vehicle parked in Lot 5. And again, on Nov. 19, a student reported the theft of personal property from Lot 9. That is all I learned from the reporter. It was not enough for me.

First, I felt frustrated by these acts and I thought that the people involved in these crimes should be captured as soon as possible. Capturing them is not an easy action. I think it takes much vigilance and hard work not only by security people on campus, but by all of us who need and deserve security and peace. If we think that security on campus is only the responsibility of security people, we probably will never know the names of the four people who performed those thefts. And if we think that it does not matter to know the names of the thieves, we unconsciously have accepted our weaknesses in front of moral evil.

Second, I thought this would be a matter of huge discussion not only among security personnel, but also among students in the Student Center. Why? Because sometimes people forget that from a little bad behavior comes behavior that causes a larger, negative impact on the social environment on campus.

If we create an offensive environment against thieves who penetrate because of our non-vigilance, then we probably will triumph sooner on identifying robbers and punishing them as they deserve to be punished.

Finally, I thought that four theft crimes needed not only much more explanation in the newspaper, but also need greater explanation by instructors who are able to discover all factors and elements involved in these types of crimes. They would perfectly explain why someone, who pretends to be somebody, pushes herself or himself to commit a shameful act like theft of personal property. I think there is not a teacher who would like to lecture in a classroom where a thief of property remains hidden among other good students. The thief should be out of class, at least temporary.

SAMI MILLOSHI
UNO Environmental Services

Capitalism with a capital "G"

Sometimes we don't get what we want.

Sometimes, we don't even get what we need. But it's the *wants* that get us. A home, a car, companionship and a healthy life are a few things we arguably *need* in modern society.

But the snowblower, the Playstation 2, and the digital camera those are the things we really *want*.

It's not enough to simply call your life gratifying when you have an existence that puts 85 percent of the rest of the world's population to shame; we have to desire more money, sex and power—so much more that even when we're choking it up in dry heaves, we still can't get enough.

It's the American way of life. Capitalism—under all its euphemisms and hollow justifications, is just another word for repulsive greed. We're so used to hearing this "ism" that the meaning behind the word—an economy based on acquiring and hoarding *capital*—has fatigued our tired sense of the common good.

Glance up from this paper for a few seconds. Look around you in both directions. I'm willing to bet everything I hold dear that no matter where you are, the unwavering representation of capitalism—profit for profit's sake—is all around you.

As I sit here writing this column, all it takes is a few glances away from the computer screen to reinforce my point. I see an Aquafina water bottle, a blatant ploy by beverage companies to persuade

Manic Digression



Josh Bashara

the consumer that he or she should actually spend more than five cents a quart on *water*, something that occupies over two-thirds of the planet. Think it's "cleaner" than your tap water? Then you deserve to take it in the ass from Corporate America.

Neighboring the bottle is a package of "Reveal" bulbs, those

new light bulbs that are supposed to filter out "impure" light, revealing a whole new world of color and resolution.

To my left I see a pack of batteries; little metal tubes that we buy for close to a dollar each to power the gadgets that we bought for even hundreds more; the Walkman's, the iPod's, the Pocket PC's... Christ, I feel like I need to start putting a "TM" after each one.

It's an illusion, folks—smoke and mirrors. It's America's biggest and best slight of hand ever, and we're all the rubes.

Granted, everybody wants toys. Toddler or adult—it's fun to play. But it's the excess of entertainment, gadgets and services that distracts us from the fundamental elements of life.

As I drive down West Center Road on my way to work, I'm surrounded by glass and steel constructs in every direction; the construction costs alone on each could feed all of Omaha's indigents for a month. Further, the entire purpose of these buildings is to sell people goods and services they don't really need.

Maggie Moo's. Starbucks. Mr. Movies. Gamers. Factory Card Outlet.

Homer's. U.S. Cellular. Verizon Wireless. Best Buy. Toys 'R Us.

Money, money, money. We've created our own reality in which people are trained to get as much of the stuff as they can and then spend it even faster. Yes, I'm sure by now you realize what I'm getting at and yes, I realize it's idealistic as hell.

The concept of money—as a driving force in one's success or failure in life—is the root of almost all that's wicked in society. How many people suffer because they don't have it? How many violent crimes stem from a lack of it? Even at a more esoteric level, how many people's moods are depressed because they can't seem to get enough of it?

I find myself guilty of this warped sense of reality. My inability to pay my bills, live in comfort and drive a nice car has saddened me to an extent far beyond what it should have. But because of the way we've shaped our world, money has become it's own religion; a God that we submit ourselves and pray to.

It's ridiculous. And yet I know—perhaps even more so than you—that the alternative is not an option. While the topic of anarchism is perhaps one for a different column, I will urge you to realize that it wasn't always this way.

People did—and still do in remote areas of the world—have the ability to live a life free from the shackles of materialism. I know that it's hard to imagine, and the reason it's hard to imagine is because we've reached a point in society where nothing short of a nuclear holocaust would be able to change the state we conform to. But it is possible for humans to work not for

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Men maul Spires, lose to Lopers

PAUL FRANKLIN

Staff writer

Coming on the heels of a sluggish showing in the Maverick Classic, the Mavericks dominated the St. Mary (Kan.) Spires 80-48 last Tuesday night to improve to 6-0 on the season.

Keyed by defensive pressure and rebounding, the Mavs used a 23-4 run to put the NAIA Spires away before halftime. Head Coach Kevin McKenna said he was pleased with his team's improved intensity.

"We actually had three guys dive on the floor for loose balls tonight," said McKenna. "Execution and defensive intensity have to remain at a high level for us to be good."

The renewed intensity on defense was apparent as the Mavs harassed the Spires for 20 steals, and 25 total turnovers. Junior Andre Tarpley was responsible for four of those steals and was singled out by teammate Ryan Curtis as an intensity sparkplug.

"Watching Andre play, he's playing with a lot of fire," said Curtis. "We need to get back to playing hard and having fun like that."

Tarpley, a 6'3 guard from Omaha, seemed to be having a lot of fun in scoring a game-high 17 points, including a few highlight reel dunks that seemed to energize his teammates. After the game however, Tarpley repeated Coach McKenna's mantra of defensive intensity.

"I thought we could have played better defensively. Defense and rebounding are what wins games," said Tarpley.

Outside shooting doesn't hurt either. That is the one area the Mavs struggled in, shooting only five of 20 from three-point range.

"We're getting wide open looks for our good shooters. I think our guys over the long haul will be ok," McKenna said.

The long haul began Saturday when

state-rival University of Nebraska-Kearney came to the Sapp Fieldhouse. Before an estimated crowd of 2,700, the Mavs fell 80-72 to the visiting Lopers due largely to poor free throw shooting.

The crowd, which contained a strong contingent of UNK fans, was loud and excited as the game began. Responding to atmosphere in the arena, both teams began the game looking a little tight. That tightness disappeared when Mav senior C.J. Martin scored the first basket for UNO on a lay-up nearly two minutes into the contest.

The next 15 minutes were marked by solid play on both sides as the teams traded the lead seven times during that span. Senior forward Tola Dada set the tone early for the Mavs, battling on the boards and finishing the half with nine points and six rebounds.

As the first half was coming to a close, however, UNK took control. Led by junior guard Nick Taukiueva's 10 points, the Lopers pulled out to an eight point lead before two Dada free throws with 30 seconds remaining cut the lead to six going into intermission.

At the beginning of the second half, the Mavs got a boost from an unexpected source. Junior center Levy Jones, who didn't play at all in the first half, entered the game and immediately changed the momentum. Jones scored on a lay-up while being hammered by Taukiueva and hit the free throw to complete the three-point play.

On the other end of the floor, Jones

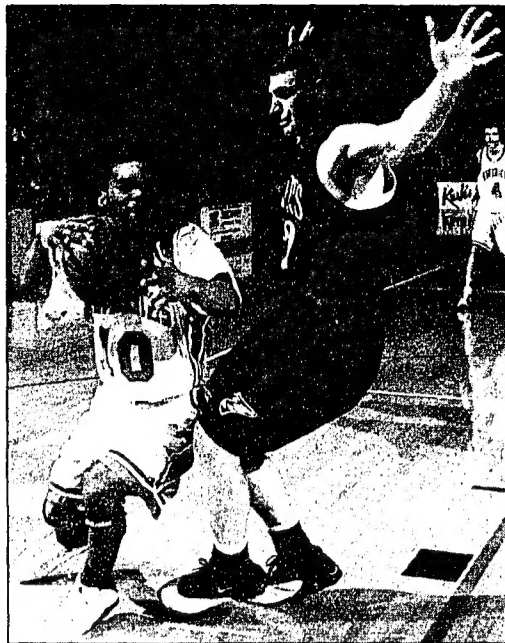


photo by Josh Williamson

Loper Nick Branting (right) blocks Maverick Ty Graham (left) from getting to the paint during Saturday night's game at the Sapp Field House.

slowed the Loper attack by blocking two shots and taking a charge in a two minute span, energizing the home crowd. During that same time, sophomore guard Calvin Kapels hit two free throws and a three pointer to cap a 10-3 UNO run, cutting the Loper lead to 47-46. The Mavs tied the game at 48 on a lay-up by senior Ty Graham with just over 14 minutes to play.

Then the Lopers went on a run of their own to stretch the lead to its highest point at 60-51 following a tip-in by Taukiueva, who finished with a game high 18 points. The Mavs kept hanging around, but were never able to pull even or take the lead again.

All of the Mavs comeback momentum came to a screeching halt at the free throw line. From the time of Graham's lay-up until the game's conclusion, the Mavs missed 14 of 22 free throws and the Lopers made 15 of 21.

After the game, McKenna said his team played hard, but free throw shooting cost them any chance they might have had at winning.

"They made their free throws and we didn't make ours," McKenna said. "We work on those every single day and the guys have to be confident and step up and make them."

Graham, who led the Mavs with 14 points, had no explanation for the team's free throw woes, but was proud of his team's effort.

"Things didn't bounce our way, but we gave our all," said Graham. "If we compete like that every night, we're going to have a chance to win every game."

The Mavs next chance came Monday night at the Sapp Fieldhouse against the York College Panthers. Look for results in the Friday *Gateway*.

Intramural Update: Sigma Phi Epsilon clinches sports cup

BRIAN BRASHAW

Sports editor

In front of about 100 observers at the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building last Wednesday, Sigma Phi Epsilon all but carved their names into the 2003 sports cup.

For about the third straight year, the floor hockey game determined the winner of the ultimate fraternal jock kings award. The Sig Eps, led by a hat trick from Shawn "call me Andrew Wong" Perry, claimed a 4-0 win over Pi Kappa Alpha.

Sig Ep scored two goals in the last 20 seconds of the second period to stun the Pikes into submission. Pike scorers-extraordinaire "El Presidente" Joe Bilek and "Treasurer" Tasso Sideris were shut out by Sig Ep goalie Matt "I beat Brashaw at everything, barely" Burke.

The only hope the Pikes have now of having a chance at the cup is if they win bowling and the Sig Eps get fourth, they tie, but I think Sig Ep would still win the tie-breaker (if anyone cares). Besides, Sig Ep hasn't finished fourth in an intramural event since the cancelled curling event three years ago, where everyone got fourth, and first. And since Theta Chi probably won't have a team show and Lambda Chi just isn't good at hurling 16-pound balls, the Sig Eps might as well go get their prize from the Pike house now.

In happy-happy time for my boys, Lambda Chi Alpha made the playoffs in both hockey and basketball. After losing 18 straight (or more) hockey games, the LCA's won both their last two games, by forfeit to make the playoffs. The biggest victim in all this: Theta Chi, who is a much better hockey team but failed to show enough guys at the last game of the year last Wednesday.

Theta Chi played two-man short against Lambda Chi for 75 percent of the game and still won 8-5. Both Chris Collins and Mitch "I'm sorry I don't remember your last name but I still have a bruise on my leg from you" each had hat tricks, at least. But it didn't matter because it was a forfeit and we're going to the playoffs.

Chris, Mitch and Shawn weren't the only ones with hat tricks on Wednesday. I scored three goals against Theta Chi as well, but as Brother Justin Farivari put it, "Yeah you should have

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Hacker scores two, but hockey drops swept in series

BRIAN BRASHAW

Sports editor

There's nothing quite like a road trip to Alaska to ruin your momentum.

The UNO hockey team was picking up steam heading into their series with the Alaska-Fairbanks Nanooks. They had won their last four Friday games and for the first time since January of 2002, they had a winning month. The Mavericks compiled a record of 4-3-1 in November and were looking to move up in the conference standings.

Then a 12-hour airplane adventure, including multiple layovers to the great white north where the temperature is below zero all the time and the sun only comes out three times a day, hit them.

More could have been weighing on the minds of the players as UNO has never won in Fairbanks going 0-8-4 as of this weekend's sweep.

UNO fell 5-2 on Friday despite playing two periods of even hockey.

Alaska-Fairbanks took the early lead with a goal by Tom Herman, but UNO responded just before the period ended with a goal by Scotty Turner with just 32 seconds to go in the first.

A late-period goal usually gives a team momentum going into the next frame, that is unless the other team strikes back. Aaron Voros scored his first of two second-period goals just 26 seconds in and the Nanooks never looked back. They tallied three in the middle frame to take a commanding lead.

UNO again played the Nanooks even in the third with a Dan Hacker goal, but Ryan Lang added an empty net goal to make it 5-2.

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photo by Josh Williamson

Maverick players Ty Graham (left) and Ryan Curtis (right) close in on Loper Cameron Lollar (center).

Maverick Notes

Senior runningback Justin Kammrad is one of three finalists for the Harlon Hill trophy. The Harlon Hill goes to the most outstanding Division II football player, like the Division I Heisman trophy.

Kammrad was chosen out of eight semi-finalists for the award and is one of two North Central Conference players as finalists. St. Cloud State's Keith

Heckendorf is the other.

The winner will be announced on Friday, Dec. 12, the day before the Division II national championship game.

Kammrad is the Division II rushing leader with 1,866 yards with a 169.9 yards per game. He finished his career with four straight 200-yard games with 308 yards in his final game.

In a head to head comparison in the game UNO played against St. Cloud

State, Kammrad ran for 205 yards and two scores while Heckendorf threw for 345, four touchdowns and an interception in the 39-36 loss to the Mavericks.

There is no head-to-head comparison to North Alabama quarterback Will Hall for Kammrad or Heckendorf.

Hall threw for 3,531 with 30

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black and green – have great symbolic meaning.

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touchdowns and nine interceptions for a Lions squad that went undefeated until they ran into North Dakota in the Division II semi-finals.

The UNO wrestlers had five men place at the Northern Iowa Open Saturday.

Mitch Waite was the only Maverick to go 5-0, in which he won the open title at 133 pounds. J.D. Naig got third at 165 by going 6-1 and brother Jake Naig placed fifth in the 149 pound class at 5-2. Dustin Tovar picked p fourth at the 125 pound division and Ben Strandberg got 6th at 197.

UNO hockey signed five players to national letters of intent to play hockey next season. UNO picked up two players from Tri-City of the USHL. Eric Aarnio is 6-2-3 as a goalie for Tri-City and carries a 2.32 goals against average with a .903 save percentage. Bill Thomas, a forward for the Storm, ranks second

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Saturday, Hacker gave UNO the lead early in the game. Paul Austin tied the game for UAF at 13:32 of the third. Maverick goalie Chris Holt then allowed three goals on seven shots in the second earning him a seat on the bench. Brian Haaland came in and made 12 saves on 12 shots, but the damage was already done. UAF skated away with the sweep.

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Detective" with Robert Downey Jr. and Mel Gibson. Although it has some big names in it, I can't find "The Singing Detective" playing anywhere else in Omaha.

Another place to experience an independent film is at the Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center in Lincoln. It's located near the UNL campus at 313 N. 13 St. Although its theaters are smaller than

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Shull accepted the award at the North American Case Research Association meeting in Tampa, Fla. Her case was one of 120 cases accepted for the conference. NACRA is a collaborative organization of about 450 case writers and teachers from all over the world who specify mostly in the

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money—not for a physical representation of bartering power—but for the common good of the society they inhabit.

Sounds like crazy talk, huh? Well, it saddens me to admit that it is. The NASDAQ will rise and fall, people will buy and sell, gorge and starve, live and die.

But you; you can stop for half a second next time you're downtown and pass a homeless person on the street. You can pull out a piece of paper from your wallet or purse—a piece of paper that, yes, you rightfully earned—

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often deemed themselves to possess virtues of character and nature to which they attribute their success. In a cursory list of these virtues, one may find perseverance, hard work and such like. In the light of these, we might ask – for all the talk about a global disparity in wealth, for all the talk about economic programs and policies designed to promote vague notions of development, why has unmitigated failure been the near universal result? Not only between nations but also within them and with

"Black stands for the people, red is for their struggle, and green is for hope for the future," she said.

Traditionally, Kwanzaa begins Dec. 26

on the team with 11 goals and seven assists in 23 games. Bryan Marshall currently ranks third in scoring in the USHL with 10 goals and 17 assists in 22 games. David Phillips is sixth in the MJHL with 16 goals and 32 assists in 31 games for Portage. Rob Chapell is a 6-foot, 212 pound defenseman from the British Columbia Hockey League and fills a void needed for big defenseman.

The two-time defending NCC champion UNO women's golf team signed two to join their roster next fall. Lindsey Newton or North Platte and Kate O'Dea of Kearney will be the newest additions to the Mavs.

Newton, a four-time letter winner at North Platte won the district title as a junior and had a scoring average of 82 her senior year. O'Dea from Kearney High School, was also a for time letter winner. She placed third at districts, seventh at state and fifth at conference her senior year.

The losses drop UNO down to a tie for 10th in the conference. UAF climbs to a tie for fifth.

There are five teams UNO has played on the road at least four times where UNO is winless (UAF 0-8-4, Denver 0-4-0, Miami 0-3-1, St. Cloud State 0-4-0 and Michigan 0-4-0).

UNO is undefeated at home against three teams (at least four games played in Omaha: Air Force 4-0-0, Alabama-Huntsville 3-0-1 and Bemidji State 4-0-0).

the Dundee, it has two screens on which are now showing the family drama "Pieces of April" and the documentary "The Weather Underground" about the '60s radicals known as "The Weathermen." For more information on the Ross, you can just go there, or surf to www.theross.org.

If none of these suggestions are that helpful to you, then perhaps you need to discover digital cable or a good book.

business disciplines. Members support each other in research and writing efforts. Shull and Morris have already been contacted by the editor of the Business Case Journal about publishing the case in the journal's next issue. Two textbook authors have offered to consider the case for inclusion in their books.

and just give it away to someone who needs it more than you. It doesn't matter if he's a drunk, doesn't matter if he's lazy and refuses to get a job.

We're all born with that power. Although we don't use it as much as we should, it's still there. And it's that power—not the economies of the world—that built civilization. It's why you are sitting where you're at today, reading this newspaper, instead of sitting in a cave somewhere skinning a rabbit you caught with your ape-like hands.

You have the power to give something for nothing.

reference to the historical status of certain populations? The vicious paths traced by both poverty and wealth aren't cyclic – they are spirals; like springs – one leading ever downwards to yet unseen "misery" and the other to yet untold "glory." Sometimes the course of a person or a people along both paths may be reversed and by the same factor. This factor is something akin to what we call "realization." If the wealthy are ignorant of their wealth, then they might as well be poor and the poor stay poor because they are ignorant of their wealth. The key is knowledge.

and lasts seven days. Each day, one of the seven ceremonial candles is lit: the central black candle on the first day, followed by three red candles and three green candles.

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scored three, you had 50 shots." It's true, I did.

In four played games, though I had seven of our team's 10 goals. Farivari had two, including one Wednesday and 10 points in basketball in a playoff-berth earning win over Theta Chi. One of our two b-ball wins was by forfeit as well.

Vince Afasi had the other goal for LCA.

"Each day, you talk about the principles and what they represent with the family," she said. "The holiday is a very family-oriented one."

As far as stats for the other fraternities, "I don't know, I don't care." I do know that Tasso had about four against us, and some kid that plays for Celtic Pride had three or four, too. And Shawn Perry also had two on us, I think. We allowed an average eight goals *per game* and scored just ten total. We really shouldn't be in the playoffs.

But that's what you get for just showing up.



Mav Anne Willrett gets helped off the field at the Virginia Beach Sports Plex Thursday evening, after most likely tearing her MCL.

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College in the final on Saturday. Franklin Pierce's Ravens topped California-San Diego 2-1 in overtime in the day's second semifinal.

The match was also the last for seniors Jessica Dotson, Heidi Bargmann and Stephanie Kirby, who was named a First Team All-American for the second year.

Kirby said defeat in this year's semifinal was harder to take than last year's final defeat.

"Losing this year was a little bit tougher," Kirby said. "This was our second time here and we had more confidence coming into this year. There were fewer unknowns this time, but that might have worked as a disadvantage, too. [Kennesaw] came out very fired up." Kirby was one of two Mavs named to the first team last season. Sophomore Becca Fritz was named as a Second Team All-American. Despite twice missing out on a national title, Kirby said she was at ease with her UNO career.

"I don't think I'm incomplete in any way," Kirby said. "I've had some

phenomenal people with me since I've been here and they've given me more than I could've ever asked for. I don't think I need a national championship to complete myself."

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The Milo Bail Student Center



Tues., Dec. 9th

7:30 am Catholic Campus Ministry
8:30 am Staff Advisory Council
11 am Psychic Suzanna
12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
2 pm Service Learning Presentations
3 pm Delta Epsilon Chi
4 pm SHAC
4 pm Honors Symposium
5:30 pm Alpha Xi Delta
6 pm Traffic Appeals
6 pm Christ on Campus
6:30 pm Alpha Xi Delta
7 pm Amnesty International
7:30 pm Lambda Theta Nu

Wed., Dec. 10th

7:30 am Campus Crusade
8:30 am Student Affairs
9 am Goodrich Program
12 noon African American Organization
12 noon ALAS
2 pm Faculty Senate

3 pm Chancellor's Open House
3:30 pm College of Education
5 pm Theta Chi

Thurs., Dec. 11th

8 am Honors Committee Meeting
10 am Consider This . . .
11:30 am Water Project Focus Groups
11:30 am College of Education
11:30 am Advent Luncheon
12 noon IPD Graduation
12 noon Academic Planning Council
1:30 pm PA DPC
1:30 pm Academic Advisors
2:30 pm Panhellenic
4 pm Honors Symposium
5 pm Water Project Focus Groups
5:30 pm Christ on Campus
6 pm Christ on Campus
6:30 pm CPACS Dinner
7 pm Student Government
7 pm Delta Sigma Pi

Fri., Dec. 12th

8:30 am Women of Color Awards Planning Committee
9 am Goodrich Program
9 am Recruitment Services
12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous
12 noon Interfraternity Council
12 noon The Grove
12 noon Education & Policy Advisory Committee
2 pm Judicial Board
4 pm Air Force ROTC
5 pm Edge/Focus

Sat., Dec. 13th

9 am African American History Challenge
10 am Child Care Holiday Program

Sun., Dec. 14th

2 pm Zeta Tau Alpha
4:30 pm ROSAS
5 pm Pi Kappa Alpha
5 pm Phi Beta Sigma
5:30 pm Lambda Chi Alpha
6 pm Sigma Lambda Beta
6 pm Student Gaming Org.

6:30 pm Theta Chi
6:30 pm Zeta Phi Beta
7 pm Theta Chi

Mon., Dec. 15th

12 noon The Grove
12 noon AA
12 noon Master Success
2 pm NU Values

Tues., Dec. 16th

7:30 am Catholic Campus Ministry
12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
2 pm SAP Meeting
5:30 pm Alpha Xi Delta
6 pm Christ on Campus
6:30 pm Alpha Xi Delta

Wed., Dec. 17th

7:30 am Campus Crusade
8 am Cap & Gown Pick Up
12 noon ALAS
12 noon CCSW
2:30 pm Graduate Council Committee A

Thurs., Dec. 18th

8 am Cap & Gown Pick Up
10 am Dramatic Arts
10 am Consider This . . .
2:30 pm Vice Chancellor's Mudd/Carrico Reception
2:30 pm Panhellenic
6 pm Christ on Campus
6:30 pm Sigma Gamma Rho
7 pm Native American Studies

Fri., Dec. 19th

8 am Cap & Gown Pick Up
11:30 am Commencement Luncheon
12 noon AA
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12 noon Interfraternity Council
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